



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

April 03, 2018

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Ibsen called the study session to order at 12:10 p.m.

Present: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello and Ushka

Absent: 2 - McCarthy and Mayor Woodards

Mayor Woodards arrived at 12:59 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [18-0321](#) State Route 167 Project Scheduling and Funding

At approximately 12:10 p.m., Kurtis Kingsolver, Director, Public Works, made opening remarks and introduced Steve Gorcester, Consultant, Independent Facilitator, and Craig Stone, Puget Sound Gateway Program Administrator, Washington State Department of Transportation. Mr. Stone presented the Puget Sound Gateway Program, including an overview, legislative direction, and gateway funding sources. Mr. Gorcester reviewed the local contribution construct, noting projects, State Routes (SR), and totals; planned grant projects; Fife 70th Avenue East Bottleneck project; Port of Tacoma Spur project, Interstate 5/SR 167 to SR 509; grant and match financial plan, noting partners' commitments, status, amount, and the grant strategy; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the importance and support of the projects, timeline, and inclusion of benefits from the projects in the data.

2. [18-0322](#) Legislative Session Updates

At approximately 12:34 p.m., Randall Lewis, Government Relations Officer, introduced Briahna Murray, Governmental Affairs, Gordon Thomas Honeywell, and provided a legislative update related to the status of City bills of interest, including the disappointments and key successes. He reviewed the disappointments, including House Bill (HB) 2813 / Senate Bill (SB) 6418,

regarding commercial office incentives, noting plans to reach out to the City of Spokane to look at options for 2019; HB 1114 / SB 6320, referencing the Tacoma Dome leasehold excise tax, noting changed circumstances; HB 2201 / SB 5955, which changes the Sound Transit Motor Vehicle Excise Tax schedule and addresses revenue impacts; HB 2006 / HB 1797, which created flexible revenue for mental health tax, levy lid, and real estate excise tax, allowing its use for affordable housing. Mr. Lewis further reviewed the key success bills, including HB 2592 / SB 5935, regarding small cells, noting no bill passed; SB 6002, which allows all cities over 1000 population to adopt district elections and allows local cause of action under the Voting Rights Act; HB 1570, which raised the document recording fee and made it permanent; SB 6032, regarding increased sharing of marijuana revenue; and HB 2057, related to abandoned homes, noting it increases cost recovery and creates a new process for mid-foreclosure abandoned homes. Ms. Murray further described HB 2057, including background; challenges the City faces, noting cost recovery; goals and results; and process. Mr. Lewis concluded on the timeline.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding HB 2057, regarding changes in the legislation relating to cost recovery and process, and increased revenue. Discussion continued on the timeline, process, and a request for follow up information on HB 2057; and the impact on Tacoma from HB 1570.

3. [18-0323](#) Single Family Residential Permit Fee, Permit Process Changes and Fund Restructuring

At approximately 12:58 p.m., Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services, introduced Jana Magoon, Planning Manager, Planning and Development Services, and made opening remarks.

Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 12:59 p.m.

Mr. Huffman reviewed the agenda, background and purpose, and overview and outreach. Ms. Magoon provided an overview of the performance bonds, noting it is subject to Director's discretion, a proposal for a reduced bond amount, and stated the proposal applies to performance bonds only. Together they described the bond related penalties, including non-performance, working without a permit, and background; and reviewed the right-of-way occupancy permits, noting the process and proposed changes to Chapter 9.08 of the Municipal Code. Mr. Huffman reviewed the Permit Services Fund; financial policies; fee code changes; fund restructure, noting current and proposed funds; single family fees - phases I and II, noting new single family house – valuation based; provided an example of new single family fees; and a comparison chart of other jurisdictions on new home development. He further reviewed single family fees – phases I and II, noting alterations and

additions – valuation based and stand-alone trade permits, provided examples of new single family fees, and the level-of-service timeline; and concluded on the schedule and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding Director's discretion and standards of performance on performance bonds, developer bond fees, stakeholder group input, the increase of the permit fees, and fee in lieu associated with frontage improvements. Discussion continued on impact fees and the level-of-service timeline.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

Deputy Mayor Ibsen reminded Council Members there are proposed revisions to the 2018 City Council appointments on Committees, Boards, and Commissions on tonight's agenda due to Council Member Thoms' temporary deployment. Some Council Members will be filling the vacant positions on Council Member Thoms' Committee assignments.

Council Member Mello stated he and Mayor Woodards participated on a day long retreat with the Pierce Transit Board last week. The entire Board was present and held productive conversations, including the Bus Rapid Transit project and many concepts, such as development of high school student passes for Pierce Transit services, low-income fares, and next steps.

Deputy Mayor Ibsen stated the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) meeting on the third Thursday of this month will be taking a look at a proposal. The PCRC traditionally sets aside ten percent of transportation funds received for transit related projects, and there is a proposal to take away the set aside funds or preserve it. The PCRC will be holding a discussion and a vote on the proposal. He informed Council Members if they or anyone affected by the decision is interested in either sending in a comment or attending the meeting to speak under public comment would be helpful.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [18-0324](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, March 29, 2018

City Manager Pauli stated there are two items under ceremonials, including introducing the 2018 Daffodil Festival Royal Court, noting the Daffodil Princesses will be attending the meeting and will be asking for donations for the Daffodil pins; and a proclamation proclaiming Tuesday, April 3, 2018 as National Service Recognition Day. There are two potential changes to tonight's agenda, both involving Ordinance No. 28498 relating to the enactment of the Temporary Shelters Permanent Land Use Regulations, and there will be an opportunity to have a discussion about one of the proposals in Executive Session. She reminded Council Members if they have any questions about tonight's agenda to please let her know in advance so staff can prepare.

Executive Session - Pending and Potential Litigation

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending and potential litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello and Ushka

Absent: 2 - McCarthy and Mayor Woodards

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:57 p.m.

Deputy City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The Executive Session was extended by 10 minutes at 2:27 p.m., 2:37 p.m., and 2:47 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:57 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk